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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO PRESIDENT
CARTER DELIVERED TO ME FEBRUARY 18. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY
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17TH FEBRUARY, 1977

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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
U.S.A.

DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

ALTHOUGH IT IS RATHER LATE, I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR SENDING AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT OUR CELEBRATIONS EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND FOR THE MESSAGE OF GOODWILL WHICH HE BROUGHT FROM YOU. AS I SAID TO SECRETARY VANCE, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR GESTURE IN ALLOWING AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO JOIN US IN ZANZIBAR SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE TOOK UP HIS DUTIES IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION, AND WE RECOGNIZE THIS AS AN INDICATION OF YOUR DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH TANZANIA, AND FOR COOPERATION ON ALL MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. I WOULD LIKE TO RETTERATE THAT WE, ON OUR PART, ARE ALSO ANXIOUS TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND THAT WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS CAN BEST BE DONE BY THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

I HAD A VERY USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG BEFORE HE LEFT DAR ES SALAAM, AND I AM SURE THAT HE HAS REPORTED TO YOU THE VIEWS I EXPRESSED TO HIM. THERE IS LITTLE FOR ME TO ADD JUST NOW, EXCEPT PERHAPS TO SAY THAT I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE MUCH TIME IF THE RHODESIAN TALKS ARE EVER TO BE RESUMED BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND THE NATIONALISTS. I DO REALISE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE A POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH THEIR OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT IF THEY RESUME THE RHODESIAN CONFERENCE IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT IAN SMITH WILL NOT BE PRESENT; BUT IF THERE IS TO BE A CHANCE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AT ANY TIME I SEE NO OTHER WAY FORWARD. THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE IS A NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT; IT IS WITH THE NATIONALISTS THAT THE BRITISH NEED TO REACH POLITICAL AGREEMENT. THE MINORITY REGIME WILL REMAIN A PROBLEM, BUT A POLITICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND THE FORCES WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT COULD HELP US ALL TO

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DEAL WITH IT.

YOU MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN - ON THIS OR OTHER SUBJECTS - WHENEVER THIS COULD INCREASE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US. AND I SHALL ALWAYS BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AMBASSADOR SPAIN. FURTHER, I KNOW THAT MY NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE MAKING CONTACT WITH SECRETARY VANCE AT AN EARLY STAGE.

IN THE MEANTIME I SEND YOU MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES.

YOURS SINCERELY,

JULIUS K. NYERERE

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